Whereas, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the meritorious accomplishments of an exceptional Show-Me State student; and

Whereas, Kristen Allcorn, a senior at Smith-Cotton High School in Sedalia, Missouri, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2008 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

Whereas, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

Whereas, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is supported by the National 4-H Council, the Girl Scouts of the USA, the American Red Cross, the YMCA of the United States, the Points of Light Foundation, the American Association of School Administrators, the National Middle School Association, the National School Boards Association, the Council of the Great City Schools, the National School Public Relations Association, and many other national youth and service organizations; and

Whereas, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is part of a broad initiative created by Prudential to encourage young people to become involved in community service; and

Whereas, Kristen Allcorn earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy to found the Community Café, a table-service soup kitchen that has served close to 9,000 meals to needy residents since December 2006; and

Whereas, the success of the State of Missouri, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Kristen Allcorn who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in congratulating and honoring Kristen Allcorn as a recipient of a Prudential Spirit of Community Award and in wishing her only the best in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Kristen Allcorn.

Offered by

Representative Stanley Cox
District No. 118

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 756, adopted February 20, 2008.